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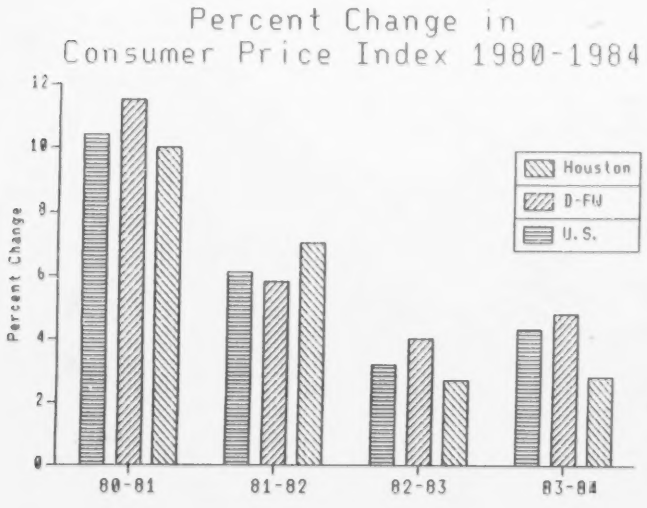
Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION MAY 1985 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is used to measure changes in the price of a fixed "market-basket of goods" over time. These goods include food, housing, transportation, and services purchased by a selected sample of consumers each month. Although this sample is not adequate to provide data for the entire State of Texas, information is available bimonthly for the Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Areas.

The CPI shows the relative cost of goods and services on a current and historical basis, compared to its cost in 1967. Inflation pushed the CPI up substantially since 1978; however, between 1981 and 1984 the rate of change has slowed. The chart below shows annual percentage changes in the CPI for the U. S., Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston:



CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	114,325.0	114,393.0	112,153.0
Unemployment	8,150.0	8,625.0	8,525.0
Percent Unemployed	7.1	7.5	7.6
Total Employment	106,175.0	105,768.0	103,628.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	115,371.0	115,515.0	113,202.0
Unemployment	8,426.0	8,396.0	8,800.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.3	7.8
Total Employment	106,945.0	107,119.0	104,402.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,914.7	8,018.3	7,758.1
Unemployment	499.2	575.1	500.3
Percent Unemployed	6.3	7.2	6.4
Total Employment	7,415.5	7,443.2	7,257.8
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,966.0	8,052.0	7,809.0
Unemployment	524.0	568.0	527.0
Percent Unemployed	6.6	7.1	6.7
Total Employment	7,442.0	7,484.0	7,282.0

UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES

The number of jobless Texans dropped between March and April by 75,900, pulling the actual unemployment rate down from 7.2 percent to 6.3 percent in mid-April. The majority of the decrease in unemployment was the result of a sharp decline in the number of new and re-entrants into the labor force. Total employment also dropped over the month, levelling off somewhat from its strong growth during the first quarter of the year. In April, in the actual series there were 7,415,500 job-holders in the State, with an estimated 499,200 unemployed. The contraction in the

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Apr.'85*	Mar.'85**	Apr.'84**	Apr.'85*	Mar.'85**	Apr.'84**	Apr.'85*	Mar.'85**	Apr.'84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	53,700	53,700	52,100	80,500	80,300	79,800	349,300	347,400	323,300
Manufacturing	5,800	5,800	5,500	9,700	9,800	10,300	42,000	41,800	38,800
Mining	3,900	3,900	3,900	1,700	1,700	1,900	1,100	1,100	1,000
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,900	5,000	4,800	4,600	29,500	29,300	24,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,900	2,900	6,300	6,300	6,500	9,500	9,500	8,800
Trade	14,500	14,500	13,600	24,100	24,000	23,300	73,900	73,300	70,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,700	4,400	4,500	4,300	24,400	24,000	21,300
Services & Misc.	13,000	12,900	12,500	15,600	15,400	15,300	77,600	76,900	69,300
Government	8,100	8,100	8,100	13,700	13,800	13,600	91,300	91,500	89,700
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	139,000	139,300	142,300	59,100	59,100	59,800	65,000	65,100	63,900
Manufacturing	28,900	29,000	31,600	17,100	17,000	17,400	10,100	10,200	10,800
Mining	2,900	3,000	2,800	2,300	2,300	2,400	100	100	100
Construction	8,800	8,700	8,500	5,900	6,100	6,800	3,500	3,500	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,800	12,000	11,800	2,400	2,600	2,600	3,200	3,200	3,100
Trade	33,500	33,400	33,300	10,900	10,600	11,200	18,400	18,500	17,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,700	2,300	2,200	2,200	3,400	3,300	3,200
Services & Misc.	27,500	27,500	28,300	7,500	7,600	7,600	12,100	12,000	11,900
Government	20,000	20,100	20,300	10,700	10,700	9,600	14,200	14,300	13,900
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	50,000	50,000	47,700	135,300	135,000	132,100	1,236.2	1,232.6	1,209.5
Manufacturing	3,400	3,300	3,200	13,900	14,000	13,500	221.1	221.3	220.9
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,400	7,400	7,500	7,600	23.5	23.6	23.3
Construction	3,000	3,100	2,800	11,800	11,600	10,900	80.3	79.4	76.6
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,600	7,500	7,500	7,900	76.0	75.7	75.4
Trade	10,700	10,600	10,000	34,300	34,100	33,100	324.3	323.9	319.8
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	1,900	6,300	6,300	6,500	117.0	116.5	112.2
Services & Misc.	7,500	7,400	7,300	26,900	26,800	25,500	260.0	258.6	251.7
Government	20,500	20,700	19,500	27,200	27,200	27,100	134.0	133.6	129.6
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	173,600	172,700	170,700	482,300	477,400	465,200	73,600	72,700	70,400
Manufacturing	39,500	38,700	37,300	110,000	109,800	106,700	10,200	10,000	10,000
Mining	400	400	400	4,600	4,600	4,400	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	9,100	9,200	9,000	29,200	28,800	28,100	3,800	3,600	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,400	9,500	9,800	23,700	23,600	24,000	5,900	6,000	6,100
Trade	41,000	40,600	40,000	130,300	128,400	128,200	13,900	13,400	14,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	8,500	8,600	8,300	26,500	26,400	24,800	4,800	4,800	4,700
Services & Misc.	30,000	29,700	30,100	96,300	94,200	90,600	12,900	12,700	11,200
Government	35,700	36,000	35,800	61,700	61,400	58,400	21,000	21,100	18,900

labor force total indicated that many people who had entered the labor market seeking jobs were unable to find work and had once again withdrawn. In the seasonally adjusted series for the State, unemployment took a more moderate drop -- from 7.1 percent in March to 6.6 percent in April. The National seasonally adjusted rate remained at 7.3 percent over the month, while the actual rate declined slightly, from 7.5 percent to 7.1 percent in April.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT EDGES UPWARD

Several sizeable declines in manufacturing industries combined with two large losses in nonmanufacturing sectors to hold growth in nonagricultural wage and salary employment to a minimum in April. Only 4,300 nonfarm salaried jobs were added over the month, despite some fairly significant increases in a few industries. The nonmanufacturing sector generated almost all of the over-the-month growth, as seasonal factors helped push employment up in that group by almost 10,000. The largest gains occurred in retail trade, where every sector registered at least moderate increases. The "other retail trade" sector, which includes restaurants and specialty stores, recorded the largest number of additions in trade, with 1,900 new hires. General merchandise stores also contributed a sizeable number of jobs, and more moderate gains were reported in the other sectors of trade.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Apr. '85*	Mar. '85**	Apr. '84**
	HOUSTON 2/		
TOTAL	1,482.3	1,475.8	1,458.2
Manufacturing	173.7	173.4	176.0
Mining	97.0	97.4	95.0
Construction	108.9	108.5	119.5
Trans., Comm., & Util.	102.1	103.1	99.6
Trade	369.0	366.7	366.1
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	114.3	112.5	106.4
Services & Misc.	334.9	332.7	320.7
Government	182.4	181.5	174.9
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	66,700	66,700	67,200
Manufacturing	15,200	15,200	15,300
Mining	4,800	4,700	4,800
Construction	4,600	4,800	4,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,400
Trade	16,400	16,400	16,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,000	2,900
Services & Misc.	11,000	10,700	11,200
Government	8,400	8,600	8,300
	MIDLAND		
TOTAL	52,400	53,200	50,600
Manufacturing	3,200	3,400	3,600
Mining	12,100	12,400	12,700
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,400
Trade	12,400	12,400	11,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,500	3,500
Services & Misc.	8,900	9,100	8,000
Government	6,900	7,000	5,800
	SAN ANTONIO		
TOTAL	471,900	470,000	456,300
Manufacturing	51,400	51,400	51,300
Mining	3,500	3,500	3,400
Construction	35,900	35,700	34,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,000	17,700	17,900
Trade	123,600	122,600	117,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	34,900	35,000	33,300
Services & Misc.	101,700	101,300	98,500
Government	102,900	102,800	100,000
	TYLER		
TOTAL	61,500	61,300	61,000
Manufacturing	12,700	12,700	12,500
Mining	3,600	3,500	3,600
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,700	3,000
Trade	15,900	15,900	15,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,300
Services & Misc.	12,100	12,200	12,200
Government	8,100	8,000	7,900
	WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	51,500	51,400	51,400
Manufacturing	8,900	9,100	9,100
Mining	3,200	3,200	3,300
Construction	2,200	2,000	1,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,600
Trade	12,400	12,400	12,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400
Services & Misc.	9,600	9,600	9,500
Government	10,200	10,100	10,300

Industry	Apr. '85*	Mar. '85**	Apr. '84**
	KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	65,300	64,800	62,800
Manufacturing	8,400	8,500	8,600
Mining	--	--	--
Construction	3,800	3,800	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,000
Trade	16,100	15,800	15,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	2,800	2,500
Services & Misc.	12,100	12,000	11,600
Government	18,800	18,700	18,400
	LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	93,100	93,000	90,500
Manufacturing	8,800	8,800	8,800
Mining	500	500	500
Construction	4,900	4,800	4,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,100	5,100	4,800
Trade	26,900	26,800	26,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,800	5,700	5,400
Services & Misc.	19,700	19,800	19,600
Government	21,400	21,500	21,000
	ODESSA		
TOTAL	53,900	54,300	51,300
Manufacturing	4,600	4,600	4,800
Mining	8,200	8,300	8,700
Construction	4,100	4,000	3,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	16,300	16,300	14,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,100	2,300	2,200
Services & Misc.	8,200	8,400	7,600
Government	7,800	7,800	7,100
	SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	37,000	37,100	36,300
Manufacturing	11,900	12,000	12,000
Mining	300	300	300
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	8,100	8,100	7,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,300
Services & Misc.	7,100	7,100	7,000
Government	4,900	4,900	4,900
	VICTORIA 3/		
TOTAL	29,600	29,500	29,100
Manufacturing	2,900	2,900	3,000
Mining	2,800	2,900	2,900
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,500
Trade	8,200	8,100	7,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	5,400	5,400	5,400
Government	4,200	4,200	4,200

Industry	Apr. '85*	Mar. '85**	Apr. '84**
	LAREDO		
TOTAL	32,700	32,400	31,100
Manufacturing	1,900	1,800	2,000
Mining	1,700	1,700	1,600
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,600	3,500	3,300
Trade	10,000	10,000	9,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,500
Services & Misc.	5,100	5,000	5,000
Government	7,600	7,600	7,500
	MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	81,600	82,000	79,100
Manufacturing	10,800	11,400	10,500
Mining	1,800	1,800	1,600
Construction	4,400	4,400	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,700
Trade	25,200	25,100	24,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,500	3,500
Services & Misc.	12,400	12,500	11,900
Government	20,700	20,600	20,100
	SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	38,500	38,500	37,500
Manufacturing	5,400	5,400	5,500
Mining	900	900	800
Construction	2,600	2,600	2,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,800	3,800	3,800
Trade	9,800	9,800	9,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,600
Services & Misc.	7,600	7,500	7,400
Government	6,600	6,700	6,700
	TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	46,000	46,000	43,400
Manufacturing	7,500	7,600	6,900
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	1,800	1,700	1,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,900	1,900	2,000
Trade	11,800	11,600	10,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	8,500	8,500	8,200
Government	12,800	12,900	12,300
	WACO		
TOTAL	77,900	77,100	75,600
Manufacturing	15,700	15,600	15,700
Mining	--	--	--
Construction	4,200	4,000	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,600	3,600	3,400
Trade	19,400	19,100	18,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,000	5,000	4,700
Services & Misc.	18,300	18,200	17,500
Government	11,700	11,600	11,600

* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.

1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Apr. 1985*	Mar. 1985**	Apr. 1984**	Change From Mar. 1985	Change From Apr. 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,550,700	6,546,400	6,417,000	4,300	133,700
Manufacturing	993,600	999,200	993,300	-5,600	300
Durable Goods	578,600	580,000	576,900	-1,400	1,700
Lumber & Wood Products	41,800	41,600	43,000	200	-1,200
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	6,900	7,400	100	-400
Furniture & Fixtures	17,100	17,500	17,800	-400	-700
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,600	48,200	48,900	400	-300
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	24,400	23,900	22,800	500	1,600
Primary Metal Industries	35,800	35,800	35,900	0	-100
Fabricated Metal Industries	83,900	83,200	82,400	700	1,500
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	43,000	42,800	42,900	200	100
Machinery, Except Electrical	130,200	131,400	131,100	-1,200	-900
Oil Field Machinery	40,000	40,100	38,800	-100	1,200
Electric & Electronic Equipment	107,400	109,500	106,000	-2,100	1,400
Transportation Equipment	78,600	78,000	75,600	600	3,000
Aircraft & Parts	40,500	40,200	38,200	300	2,300
Instruments & Related Products	22,700	22,600	23,200	100	-500
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,500	12,200	13,000	300	-500
Nondurable Goods	415,000	419,200	416,400	-4,200	-1,400
Food & Kindred Products	95,200	98,600	92,400	-3,400	2,800
Meat Products	25,700	25,800	24,400	-100	1,300
Dairy Products	5,300	5,300	5,100	0	200
Bakery Products	11,900	11,900	10,700	0	1,200
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,000	3,100	100	0
Textile Mill Products	4,700	4,700	5,000	0	-300
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	60,200	60,400	63,100	-200	-2,900
Paper & Allied Products	23,400	23,600	23,700	-200	-300
Printing & Publishing	72,700	72,900	71,700	-200	1,000
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	36,800	36,600	35,900	200	900
Chemicals & Allied Products	77,100	77,100	76,500	0	600
Petroleum & Coal Products	40,700	40,800	42,100	-100	-1,400
Petroleum Refining	37,500	37,600	38,900	-100	-1,400
Leather & Leather Products	7,500	7,600	8,200	-100	-700
Other Nondurable Goods	33,500	33,500	33,700	0	-200
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,557,100	5,547,200	5,423,700	9,900	133,400
Mining	268,400	270,600	267,300	-2,200	1,100
Oil & Gas Extraction	259,000	261,200	257,800	-2,200	1,200
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,400	9,400	9,500	0	-100
Construction	434,600	432,300	431,400	2,300	3,200
Transportation & Public Utilities	371,000	373,800	370,400	-2,800	600
Railroad Transportation	24,300	24,300	25,400	0	-1,100
Transportation, Except Railroads	180,300	183,300	176,600	-3,000	3,700
Transportation by Air	38,200	38,200	38,400	0	-200
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	87,500	87,400	89,500	100	-2,000
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	78,900	78,800	78,900	100	0
Electric Services	44,400	44,400	44,200	0	200
Gas Production & Distribution	28,200	28,100	28,900	100	-700
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,620,900	1,615,900	1,607,000	5,000	13,900
Wholesale Trade	427,100	427,400	432,300	-300	-5,200
Retail Trade	1,193,800	1,188,500	1,174,700	5,300	19,100
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	55,000	54,500	55,200	500	-200
General Merchandise Stores	153,500	152,500	149,700	1,000	3,800
Food Stores	212,000	211,300	207,500	700	4,500
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	136,700	136,100	133,900	600	2,800
Apparel & Accessory Stores	81,100	80,500	80,000	600	1,100
Other Retail Trade	555,500	553,600	548,400	1,900	7,100
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	424,600	423,700	412,100	900	12,500
Banking	105,800	105,800	103,800	0	2,000
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	129,800	129,700	126,200	100	3,600
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	189,000	188,200	182,100	800	6,900
Services	1,295,800	1,291,100	1,249,600	4,700	46,200
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	78,400	78,000	78,000	400	400
Personal Services	83,600	82,400	77,400	1,200	6,200
Business & Repair Services	362,700	362,000	343,500	700	19,200
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	53,700	52,100	49,200	1,600	4,500
Health Services	343,300	343,600	342,700	-300	600
Educational Services	61,800	61,100	60,600	700	1,200
Other Services & Miscellaneous	312,300	311,900	298,200	400	14,100
Total Government	1,141,800	1,139,800	1,085,900	2,000	55,900
Total Federal Government	185,900	184,300	175,700	1,600	10,200
Total State Government	273,900	274,300	250,500	-400	23,400
Total Local Government	682,000	681,200	659,700	800	22,300

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	63,900	64,400	63,000	100,800	101,900	99,700	396,200	399,600	367,800
Total Unemployment	2,800	2,900	3,000	5,200	5,800	4,600	13,800	16,000	13,700
Percent Unemployed	4.4	4.5	4.8	5.2	5.7	4.6	3.5	4.0	3.7
Total Employment 2/	61,100	61,500	60,000	95,600	96,100	95,100	382,400	383,600	354,100
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	173,900	177,400	180,000	83,400	84,400	83,700	92,900	95,800	92,700
Total Unemployment	20,900	23,200	21,800	6,200	6,900	5,600	12,800	15,100	13,300
Percent Unemployed	12.0	13.1	12.1	7.4	8.2	6.7	13.8	15.8	14.3
Total Employment 2/	153,000	154,200	158,200	77,200	77,500	78,100	80,100	80,700	79,400
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,400	60,500	56,800	171,200	173,700	169,200	1,300.5	1,314.2	1,270.3
Total Unemployment	2,200	2,600	2,200	13,700	16,000	15,200	51.2	58.2	48.1
Percent Unemployed	3.7	4.3	3.9	8.0	9.2	9.0	3.9	4.4	3.8
Total Employment 2/	57,200	57,900	54,600	157,500	157,700	154,000	1,249.3	1,256.0	1,222.2
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	203,400	207,000	199,000	613,000	613,000	589,700	97,000	98,400	92,900
Total Unemployment	21,300	24,500	19,400	26,800	28,600	24,800	9,900	11,600	9,500
Percent Unemployed	10.5	11.8	9.7	4.4	4.7	4.2	10.2	11.8	10.2
Total Employment 2/	182,100	182,500	179,600	586,200	584,400	564,900	87,100	86,800	83,400
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,673.8	1,695.9	1,653.4	77,900	78,600	75,300	39,900	41,200	40,200
Total Unemployment	117.9	132.1	121.0	4,500	5,000	4,000	6,100	7,400	8,200
Percent Unemployed	7.0	7.8	7.3	5.8	6.4	5.3	15.3	18.0	20.4
Total Employment 2/	1,555.9	1,563.8	1,532.4	73,400	73,600	71,300	33,800	33,800	32,000
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,700	78,600	77,900	112,900	114,300	111,300	121,500	128,400	118,400
Total Unemployment	7,100	7,800	6,900	5,800	6,500	6,900	24,100	30,500	26,900
Percent Unemployed	9.1	9.9	8.9	5.1	5.7	6.2	19.8	23.8	22.7
Total Employment 2/	70,600	70,800	71,000	107,100	107,800	104,400	97,400	97,900	91,500
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	65,000	66,700	63,200	68,800	70,100	66,400	50,500	51,300	49,400
Total Unemployment	2,900	3,300	2,800	3,800	4,200	4,100	2,200	2,600	2,200
Percent Unemployed	4.5	4.9	4.4	5.5	6.0	6.2	4.4	5.1	4.5
Total Employment 2/	62,100	63,400	60,400	65,000	65,900	62,300	48,300	48,700	47,200
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	534,600	543,500	517,900	42,900	43,700	41,600	51,400	51,900	48,400
Total Unemployment	26,500	33,400	26,400	2,900	3,500	2,400	4,200	4,800	4,000
Percent Unemployed	5.0	6.1	5.1	6.8	8.0	5.8	8.2	9.2	8.3
Total Employment 2/	508,100	510,100	491,500	40,000	40,200	39,200	47,200	47,100	44,400
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	81,600	83,000	80,500	38,000	38,500	37,900	92,900	93,800	90,400
Total Unemployment	4,100	4,900	3,900	2,200	2,500	2,600	4,600	5,200	4,100
Percent Unemployed	5.0	5.9	4.8	5.8	6.5	6.9	5.0	5.5	4.5
Total Employment 2/	77,500	78,100	76,600	35,800	36,000	35,300	88,300	88,600	86,300
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,500	62,600	61,800				7,914.7	8,018.3	7,758.1
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,700	2,900				499.2	575.1	500.3
Percent Unemployed	5.0	5.9	4.7				6.3	7.2	6.4
Total Employment 2/	58,400	58,900	58,900				7,415.5	7,443.2	7,257.8

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr.± 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984	Apr.± 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984	Apr.± 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984
	FOR TEXAS								
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$380.66	$382.64	$374.88	40.8	41.1	41.7	$ 9.33	$ 9.31	$ 8.99
Durable Goods	373.51	376.24	366.59	41.0	41.3	41.8	9.11	9.11	8.77
Lumber & Wood Products	259.58	257.26	256.71	38.4	38.0	39.8	6.76	6.77	6.45
Furniture & Fixtures	237.16	239.68	217.55	38.5	39.1	37.9	6.16	6.13	5.74
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	379.70	370.19	360.36	44.1	43.5	44.0	8.61	8.51	8.19
Primary Metal Industries	410.57	409.24	415.58	39.9	40.2	41.6	10.29	10.18	9.99
Fabricated Metal Products	363.66	369.25	354.19	41.8	42.2	40.9	8.70	8.75	8.66
Machinery, exc. Electric	384.29	388.32	378.81	41.1	41.8	42.9	9.35	9.29	8.83
Oil Field Machinery	480.22	486.95	475.88	42.8	43.4	43.9	11.22	11.22	10.84
Electric & Electronic Equip.	373.32	388.14	382.39	39.8	40.6	41.7	9.38	9.56	9.17
Transportation Equipment	533.66	532.95	515.65	43.6	43.4	44.3	12.24	12.28	11.64
Instruments & Related Prod.	294.14	297.60	299.15	38.3	38.8	38.7	7.68	7.67	7.73
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	255.96	260.84	271.13	38.9	38.7	38.9	6.58	6.74	6.97
Nondurable Goods	389.61	391.41	386.98	40.5	40.9	41.7	9.62	9.57	9.28
Food & Kindred Products	329.13	326.30	330.85	41.4	41.2	42.2	7.95	7.92	7.84
Meat Products	272.08	278.05	276.81	41.1	41.5	41.5	6.62	6.70	6.67
Malt Beverages	711.73	756.50	712.62	44.4	46.9	44.4	16.03	16.13	16.05
Textile Mill Products	281.81	281.15	293.63	41.2	41.9	43.5	6.84	6.71	6.75
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	181.48	189.58	190.21	34.9	37.1	39.3	5.20	5.11	4.84
Paper & Allied Products	409.12	427.06	430.84	41.2	42.2	44.6	9.93	10.12	9.66
Printing & Publishing	361.27	355.11	351.24	39.7	39.5	40.7	9.10	8.99	8.63
Chemicals & Allied Products	600.53	616.07	588.28	42.5	42.4	41.9	14.13	14.53	14.04
Petroleum & Coal Products	649.44	646.59	631.54	44.3	44.5	44.6	14.66	14.53	14.16
Petroleum Refining	673.46	670.81	656.77	44.6	44.9	44.8	15.10	14.94	14.66
Leather & Leather Products	206.83	214.27	192.92	37.2	38.4	36.4	5.56	5.58	5.30
Other Nondurable Goods	372.81	361.24	371.96	43.0	42.7	41.7	8.67	8.46	8.92
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	486.80	487.43	481.44	45.2	45.3	47.2	10.77	10.76	10.20
Oil & Gas Extraction	489.06	489.69	483.80	45.2	45.3	47.2	10.82	10.81	10.25
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	430.08	432.62	433.59	44.8	45.3	47.7	9.60	9.55	9.09
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	436.24	434.67	422.58	38.3	38.5	39.2	11.39	11.29	10.78
Elec., Gas & San. Services	448.55	437.00	425.72	39.8	38.3	40.2	11.27	11.41	10.59
Wholesale & Retail Trade	232.40	234.55	230.82	33.2	33.7	34.4	7.00	6.96	6.71
Wholesale Trade	371.45	367.75	358.09	39.6	39.5	40.1	9.38	9.31	8.93
Retail Trade	187.82	191.12	187.92	31.2	31.8	32.4	6.02	6.01	5.80
General Merchandise Stores	188.15	184.20	162.30	30.2	30.7	30.0	6.23	6.00	5.41
Banking	269.50	269.43	265.47	38.5	38.6	39.8	7.00	6.98	6.67

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$362.56	$368.40	$349.73	40.6	41.3	41.0	$ 8.93	$ 8.92	$ 8.53
Durable Goods	377.92	382.95	364.68	40.9	41.4	41.3	9.24	9.25	8.83
Nondurable Goods	329.57	335.38	319.95	39.9	40.9	40.5	8.26	8.20	7.90
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	386.14	389.43	371.39	41.7	42.1	42.3	9.26	9.25	8.78
Durable Goods	407.23	413.76	384.99	42.2	42.7	42.4	9.65	9.69	9.08
Nondurable Goods	334.95	328.05	336.42	40.6	40.5	42.0	8.25	8.10	8.01
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	471.16	474.82	461.55	42.6	42.7	42.5	11.06	11.12	10.86
Durable Goods	416.75	416.08	404.92	42.7	42.5	42.4	9.76	9.79	9.55
Nondurable Goods	544.85	554.27	539.71	42.5	43.0	42.8	12.82	12.89	12.61
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	268.32	271.55	278.97	39.0	39.7	41.7	6.88	6.84	6.69
Durable Goods	297.88	303.40	313.90	40.2	41.0	43.0	7.41	7.40	7.30
Nondurable Goods	241.30	241.40	246.24	38.0	38.5	40.5	6.35	6.27	6.08

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
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Spring outdoor activities generated 1,600 additions in amusement, including motion pictures, as recreational sports picked up. The impending income tax deadline boosted employment in personal services, and smaller increases were noted in most other service sectors. Construction benefitted from better weather and more favorable economic conditions, adding 2,300 jobs over the month.

Intensified hiring by the Postal Service as income tax deadlines approached helped push federal government employment up by 1,600 in April. Local government registered a smaller gain, while state government jobs decreased slightly. Water transportation declined sharply as port activity slowed temporarily, pushing employment in transportation and utilities down by 2,800 in April. Ample supplies of oil and gas products which held demand to a minimum produced a sizeable drop in the drilling sector of mining.

Although several manufacturing industries recorded moderate growth in April, large declines in three industries, together with some smaller losses, shrank factory employment by 5,600. Within durable goods, there were modest gains in fabricated metal products, transportation equipment, and stone, clay and glass products. These increases were partially countered by layoffs and a labor-management dispute which dropped employment in electric and electronic equipment by 2,100. Economic layoffs in nonelectrical machinery dropped an additional 1,200 positions over the month, further nullifying the growth in other durable goods industries.

Almost every nondurable goods segment experienced at least a small decrease over the month; but all of the declines were moderate, with one exception. Seasonal layoffs, primarily in the preserved fruits and vegetables portion of food and kindred products, reduced employment in this category by 3,400 in April. There were an estimated 663,200 manufacturing production workers in Texas in April, down 2,100 from the previous month.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS DROP

A slowdown occurred among manufacturers over the month, as many durable and nondurable industries reported fewer hours worked. Although average hourly earnings rose by 2¢ in April, the number of hours worked decreased by 0.3 hour, dropping average weekly earnings by $1.98 between March and April. In mid-April, the average factory production worker made $9.33 per hour for a 40.8-hour week and earned $380.66 a week.

Compared to a year earlier, average weekly hours were down 0.9 hour but average hourly earnings had risen by 34¢, raising average weekly earnings by $5.78.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1984
Total Population	16,188,100	15,922,900*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.8	1.9
UI Covered Employers	309,958	297,935
Total Claims Actions	511,517	439,621
Total Initial Claims Actions	61,131	51,297
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	450,386	388,324
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	131.81	134.67
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$55,150,790	$45,423,006
Total Placements	43,011	45,519

*Revised.
**Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.